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25:75 to 75:25 and, in one most particularly preferred embodiment, 40:60 to 60:40. The preparations are generally present in the form of aqueous solutions or pastes which have a solids content (corresponding to the active substance content or to the nonaqueous component) of 5 to 50, preferably 10 to 35 and more particularly 15 to 25% by weight.

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**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

Claims 1-11 (cancelled).

Claim 12 (currently amended): A composition comprising:

- (a) an alkyl and/or alkenyl oligoglycoside;
- (b) an anionic surfactant foam stabilizer selected from the group consisting of [a] dicarboxylic acid monoesters, [a] dicarboxylic acid monoester salts, and mixtures thereof wherein the monoester group comprises the residue of a C<sub>6-22</sub> fatty alcohol; and
- (c) optionally, at least one active ingredient selected from the group consisting of cosmetic active ingredients, pharmaceutical active ingredients, and mixtures thereof.

Claim 13 (previously presented): The composition of claim 12 wherein the foam stabilizer is a monoester of a C<sub>2-12</sub> dicarboxylic acid.

Claim 14 (currently amended): The composition of claim 12 wherein the foam stabilizer is a monoester of a dicarboxylic acid selected from the group consisting of oxalic acid, malonic acid, succinic acid, maleic acid, fumaric acid, glutaric acid, adipic acid, ~~serbie acid~~, pimelic acid, azelaic acid, sebacic acid, dodecanedioic acid, and mixtures thereof.

Claim 15 (previously presented): The composition of claim 12 wherein the foam stabilizer is present in a salt form selected from the group consisting of alkali metal, alkaline earth

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metal, ammonium, alkylammonium, alkanolammonium, glucammonium, and mixtures thereof.

**Claim 16 (cancelled)**

**Claim 17 (previously presented):** The composition of claim 12 wherein the foam stabilizer is a monoester of adipic acid with a C<sub>12-18</sub> fatty alcohol.

**Claim 18 (currently amended):** A process for enhancing the dermatological and ophthalmic mucous membrane compatibility of a cosmetic and/or pharmaceutical composition by adding to the composition an effective amount of a surfactant mixture containing:

- (a) an alkyl and/or alkenyl oligoglycoside; and
- (b) [[a]] an anionic surfactant foam stabilizer selected from the group consisting of [[a]] dicarboxylic acid monoesters, [[a]] dicarboxylic acid monoester salts, and mixtures thereof wherein the monoester group comprises the residue of a C<sub>6-22</sub> fatty alcohol; and
- (c) optionally, at least one active ingredient selected from the group consisting of cosmetic active ingredients, pharmaceutical active ingredients, and mixtures thereof.

**Claim 19 (previously presented):** The process of claim 18 wherein the foam stabilizer is a monoester of a C2-12 dicarboxylic acid.

**Claim 20 (currently amended):** The process of claim 18 wherein the foam stabilizer is a monoester of a dicarboxylic acid selected from the group consisting of oxalic acid, malonic acid, succinic acid, maleic acid, fumaric acid, glutaric acid, adipic acid, ~~serbic acid~~, pimelic acid, azeleic acid, sebacic acid, dodecanedioic acid, and mixtures thereof.

**Claim 21 (previously presented):** The process of claim 18 wherein the foam stabilizer is

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present in a salt form selected from the group consisting of alkali metal, alkaline earth metal, ammonium, alkylammonium, alkanolammonium, glucammonium, and mixtures thereof.

**Claim 22 (cancelled).**

**Claim 23 (previously presented):** The process of claim 18 wherein the foam stabilizer is a monoester of adipic acid with a C<sub>12-18</sub> fatty alcohol.

**Claim 24 (previously presented):** The composition of claim 12, wherein, both (a) and (b) have matching alk(en)yl groups.

**Claim 25 (previously presented):** The process of claim 18, wherein, both (a) and (b) have matching alk(en)yl groups.

**Claim 26 (previously presented):** The composition of claim 12, wherein, a weight ratio of (a):(b) is from 5:95 to 95:5.

**Claim 27 (previously presented):** The composition of claim 26, wherein, the weight ratio of (a):(b) is from 10:90 to 90:10.

**Claim 28 (previously presented):** The composition of claim 27, wherein, the weight ratio of (a):(b) is from 25:75 to 75:25.

**Claim 29 (previously presented):** The composition of claim 18, wherein, a weight ratio of (a):(b) is from 5:95 to 95:5.

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**Claim 30 (previously presented): The composition of claim 29, wherein, the weight ratio of (a):(b) is from 10:90 to 90:10.**

**Claim 31 (previously presented): The composition of claim 30, wherein, the weight ratio of (a):(c) is from 25:75 to 75:25.**